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EIC-M-115
22 April 1966

ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
Room 4 F 31, CIA Headquarters Building

1015 hours, 22 April 1966

PRESENT: 25X1A9a

25X1A [redacted] CIA, Chairman
Morris H. Crawford, Department of State
[redacted] Defense Intelligence Agency
William C. Andrews, Department of the Army
CDR. James G. Brady, Department of the Navy
Col. Clyde C. Wooten, Department of the Air Force
[redacted] National Security Agency
Jerome Forrest, Agency for International Development
[redacted] CIA
[redacted] CIA, Executive Secretary

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INTRODUCTIONS: 25X1A

The Chairman welcomed Colonel Wooten, Department of the Air Force alternate representative, who was attending his first EIC meeting.

FAREWELL TO MR. CRAWFORD:

The Chairman noted that Mr. Crawford, Department of State representative was leaving shortly for a new assignment. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crawford for his continuous substantial contributions to the operation of the EIC. Mr. Crawford responded that he had enjoyed working with the members of the Committee and his association with the officers of the EIC and its secretariat. The Chairman and members wished Mr. Crawford well in his new assignment.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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EIC members concurred in the draft memorandum for [REDACTED] Director of Intelligence Support, subject to the change requested by the DIA representative, regarding the decision of the Committee to discontinue its Working Group [REDACTED] Infor- 25X1C□
mation copies will be made available to EIC members.

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No objections were received to the nomination of [REDACTED] Chief, Analysis Division, ORR, as Chairman of the EIC Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis vice [REDACTED] and this nomination is considered approved as of 15 April 1966.

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The Chairman of the Working Group on Aid and Trade Activities has been requested to undertake a revision of its Terms of Reference and to report back to the EIC/S within six weeks.

The Chairman of the EIC Subcommittee on Population and Manpower has been formally notified that, by action of the EIC on 30 March 1966, the subcommittee was abolished and the Committee has accepted other recommendations concerning future ad hoc matters requiring EIC action and continued publication of the Population Wall Chart.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE:

The Chairman recalled that at the 30 March meeting the Committee had noted the report of the Subcommittee and that the members had now concurred in the proposal for the weekly exchange of project listings in the field of agriculture. This exchange will be primarily between the USDA and the CIA and the Subcommittee will provide a central point where projects underway are known and can be made available for the information and use of any members of the EIC.

The Chairman stated the Subcommittee had requested that its membership be expanded to include an expert on fishing from the Department of the Interior. Discussion followed and it was the consensus of members that participation by the Department of the Interior would be mutually beneficial. The Chairman will extend an invitation to the Department of the Interior to participate in the activities of this Subcommittee.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the EIC meeting of 30 March 1966 (EIC-M-114) were approved.

DISCUSSION OF EIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM:

The Chairman recalled that Subcommittee representatives from the Departments of State, the Navy, and the Interior, NSA, the Defense Supply Agency, and AID had voted for continuation and that the CIA member following along with the Chairman from the DIA, had voted for the abolition of the Subcommittee.

The Chairman suggested that the Subcommittee be continued for one year under a revised terms of reference to include an exchange of information and discussion of developments in the field of petroleum with a flexible membership in the sense that member agencies would be invited to send their operating experts to participate in discussions with the regular members. In this connection, the Chairman requested members to examine their individual membership to see that they had the proper representation on the Subcommittee. The Chairman stated he would contact the Department of the Interior with regard to future representation.

Discussion followed and it was the consensus of members that the Subcommittee should be continued for one year and that the Committee should provide appropriate guidance. Members were requested to submit to the Chairman, within two weeks, any comments or suggestions for additional membership or specific suggestions on the future role and operation of the Subcommittee. The Chairman will then circulate, for members approval, a draft memorandum for the Chairman of the Subcommittee setting forth guidelines under which the EIC desires to have the Subcommittee operate for one year to determine if there is a role the Subcommittee can perform in the EIC structure.

DISPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES:

The Chairman reported that the Department of State representative had concurred in the proposed method of incorporating the responsibility for his suggestion with respect to current developments in economic policy

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in Communist countries into an extension of activities of the EIC Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis. The Chairman reviewed a draft memorandum, which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting, requesting the Subcommittee to expand its activities to include a series of meetings on this subject on a trial basis for one year.

Members approved the memorandum to the Chairman, EIC Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis. Members also agreed that the Chairman, EIC, should extend an invitation to Mr. Rubin, Department of Commerce, and Mr. Paul Gekker, Federal Reserve Board, to participate in the activities of this Subcommittee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE:

The Chairman called attention to the comparative analysis of selected USIB Subcommittees (SIC, GMAIC, and JAEIC) and the Notes on the Terms of Reference of the EIC which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Discussion and review of the allocation of responsibilities and the functions of the EIC as contained in DCID 3/1 in comparison with other substantive committees of USIB followed.

It was the consensus of members that, at this time, there is no need to make any formal changes in the allocation of responsibilities or in the charter of the EIC.

The Department of the Army representative noted that the SIC coordinates the scientific and technical portions of the NIS Program and asked if the EIC should become more active in this area in reviewing the economic portions of the Program. The Chairman replied that the EIC may, on occasion, examine allocations of responsibility and make recommendations to the NIS Committee. The Chairman suggested the Army representative submit his suggestions to the Chairman for Committee consideration.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the membership for their cooperation and the meeting was adjourned.

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Executive Secretary

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